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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Subject: Senate Immigration Sub-Committee Inquiry.

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Mr. [] referred to this office a call from Mr. Gellner, of the Library of Congress (Ext. 417), who stated that he had an inquiry from the Senate Sub-Committee on Immigration concerning the activities of the "First Division of Soviet Intelligence". Mr. [] had discussed the inquiry with Mr. [] and found that all our information on this subject was classified SECRET.

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I called Mr. Gellner and told him the situation, and said we would be glad to cooperate, but could better clear the matter if the sub-committee would give us a specific inquiry in writing as security clearance from the Director would be necessary. Mr. Gellner thought that all the sub-committee wanted to know was whether the First Division did military or political intelligence, or internal, or what. I said I thought if it was an inquiry for general information of this sort, we might be able to get clearance, and that we would be glad to present any such inquiry to the Director for his consideration. Mr. Gellner said that probably we would hear nothing more on this request.

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